

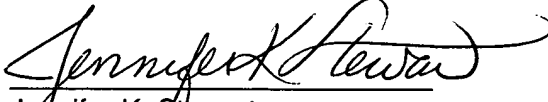
REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 – 12 and 20 – 70 are pending, where claims 1, 20, 40, 48, 55, 64, and 70 are independent claims. In the Office Action mailed 11 August 2005, the examiner allowed claims 1, 4, 6 – 12, 20 – 39, 48 – 54, and 64 – 70 and rejected claims 40, 46, 47, 55, and 57. In addition, the examiner objected to claims 41 – 45, 56, and 58 – 63 for depending on a rejected base claim. In response, the applicant cancels claims 41 and 56 without prejudice, and amends claims 40 and 55 to include the limitations of canceled claims 41 and 56.

In light of the enclosed amendments and in light of the examiner's remarks in the pending office action, the applicant submits that pending claims 1, 4, 6 – 12 and 20 – 40, 42 – 55, and 57 – 70 stand in condition for allowance. As such, the applicant requests that the examiner reconsider the rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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